ISI activities in Western U.P.

4307. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to news-item under the heading "Western U.P. becoming centre of ISI activities" published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 13th March, 2001;

(b) if so, the districts in Western Uttar Pradesh where the ISI activities are traced and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of ISI activities nabbed by security agencies during the last three months in the country, State-wise and steps taken to nab such activities;

(d) whether there are differences in U.P. intelligence and Security and Police in this regard, if so, what is the fact; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to trace out the ISI agencies in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Government is aware of the news-item.

(b) The districts of Agra, Aligarh, Bareilly, Bulandshahar, Firozabad, Ghaziabad, Mathura, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur in Western Uttar Pradesh have been identified by the State Government, as affected by ISI activities.

(c) Central Government does not maintain details in this regard.

(d) The State Government has indicated that there are no such differences.

(e) In order to deal with the situation, Government nave adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of ISI which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by well coordinated intelligence based operations, setting up of out-posts of security forces in vulnerable areas and

modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Central Government has also been sensitising the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the situation.

The Uttar Pradesh Government has also set up a Special Task Force and Uttar Pradesh-Nepal border police to check activities of ISI supported and anti-national elements.

Money of Hyderabad Nizam in London Bank

4308. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Deccan Chronicle' dated 7th March, 2001 captioned "Nizam has $ 20 million in London Bank";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to bring back the money to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) A sum of 1,007,940 Pounds Sterling and 9 Shillings approximately was maintained in an account in the National Westminster Bank of London in September 1948 in the name of Nizam of Hyderabad's Government. This amount was transferred into an account in the name of the then High Commissioner for Pakistan in London on the instructions of the Nizam's Finance Minister. The funds currently amount to 24,454,350.18 Pounds Sterling approximately.

(c) Government have made serveral attempts in the past with the Government of Pakistan and the late erstwhile Nizam of